

Amendment to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings, of claims in this application:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said parking location can be referenced by means of geographic positioning.

6-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said communication means can add extra time with respect to said reference identifier by updating said central processing means during the time period of the activation of time of said reference identifier.

19. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said communication means can be notified by said central processing means when said reference identifiers time allotment as first activated by said communication means is about to expire.

20. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said wireless ticket issuance device verifies the time status of said reference identifier by entering [[the]] a reference identifier data string into the wireless ticket issuance device.

21. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said wireless ticket issuance device verifies the time status of said reference identifier by scanning a bar code.

22. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said wireless ticket issuance device verifies the time status by communicating with said reference identifier wireless communications means.

23-49. (Cancelled)

50. (Currently Amended) A payment system to minimize capital infrastructure required to enforce parking regulations, and to receive payment pursuant to said regulations, said system comprising the following components in addition to a vehicle, a parking space and a parking location:

a communications means adapted to be used by the occupant of said vehicle of said parking space to communicate to a central processing means;

a reference identifier located with said vehicle that has a wireless communication means;

a wireless ticket issuance device used by enforcement personnel to communicate with the central processing means;

a parking meter associated with each parking space including a wireless means to transmit, receive and process information;

said parking meter facilitating communication with said communications means, said wireless ticket issuance device, and said reference identifier, said parking meter being programmed with a processing means to credit said

central processing means with payment received by said reference identifier
wireless communications means;

said central processing means including at least one microprocessor, and
a communication interface that facilitates communication with said
communications means, said wireless ticket issuance device, and said parking
meter;

said microprocessor being programmed with a processing means to
credit said central processing means with payment received by said parking
meter from said reference identifier wireless communication means;

to credit said parking meter with credit from said communication means;

to record a time said reference identifier wireless communication means
activates said parking meter in ~~said~~ a geographical location and communicate
the status of said time of said parking meter to said wireless ticket issuance
device,

to record a time said reference identifier wireless communication means
activates said parking meter and to communicate the status of said time of said
parking meter to said occupant communication means; ~~and~~

to record ticket information received by said wireless ticket issuance
device when said time is not validly associated with said geographical location
and said reference identifier; and

to inform and prompt the communication means upon expiration of said
time if more time is desired by entering time to credit said parking meter with
additional credit from said communication means.

wherein the communications means provides the central processing means with a number or a password, the reference identifier number, and a location code associated with the geographical location for association in a central billing database.

51. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said communication means is a computer terminal interface.

52. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said communication means is a landline telephone.

53. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said communication means is a mobile phone.

54. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said communication means is a personal data assistant

55. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said communication means is a paging device.

56. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said time designated for said reference identifier is provided by said communication means.

57. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said central processing means may provide information selected from the group consisting of:

said time allotted in said parking meter;

location of said parked vehicle as provided by said parking meter;
status of said time on said parking meter;
billing Information for said reference identifier; and
communication of account information to municipal databases.

58. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier is issued from said central processing means.

59. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier is a radio frequency transponder with wireless communications capabilities.

60. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said central processing means allows said occupant to register personal and payment information for the payment of the time activated by said reference identifier and stored on said microprocessor.

61. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said central processing means is a computer server which stores all the said reference identifier data strings and said parking location data strings belonging to said payment system

62. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said wireless communication means of the reference identifier updates the associated said parking meter monitoring its corresponding said parking space.

63. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said occupant communications means communicate with the central processing means to provide said time to relevant said parking meter monitoring its corresponding said vehicle in said parking space.

64. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said occupant communication means adds extra time with respect to said parking meter by updating said central processing means during the time period of the activation of time of said parking meter.

65. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said occupant communication means is notified by said central processing means when said parking meter time allotment as first activated by said reference identifier at said parking meter is about to expire.

66. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said parking meter receive a time allotment from said central processing means activated by said communication means.

67. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said wireless ticket issuance device issues and processes a ticket to said vehicle in said parking space.

68. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier is a mobile phone.

69. (Previously Presented) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier is a personal data assistant.

70. (Currently Amended) A parking payment system comprising:
a vehicle for transporting an occupant, the vehicle having a reference identifier;

a central processing means comprising at least one microprocessor, a communication interface, and a wireless means to transmit, receive and process information;

a parking space located at a geographic location for parking the vehicle, the parking space having a geographical identifier number, and a wireless parking meter in wireless communication with the central processing means;

a wireless ticket issuance device used by enforcement in wireless communication with the central processing means; and

a wireless communications means used by the occupant of the vehicle in wireless communication with the central processing means for communicating the reference identifier and the geographical identifier number and making a payment;

wherein the wireless parking meter further comprises a processing means to credit the parking ~~place~~ space with the payment received from the central processing means, to record a time the parking meter was credited, and determine an associated parking status,

wherein the wireless ticket issuance device upon communicating the reference identifier and the geographical identifier number to the wireless

parking meter receives the associate parking status and the time the wireless parking meter was credited to determine if a ticket is to issue based on the associated parking status, and

wherein the wireless communication means is able to obtain and display to the occupant the associated parking status and the time the parking meter was credited to assist the occupant making a second payment, to inform and prompt the communication means upon expiration of said time if more time is desired by entering time to credit said parking meter with additional credit from said communication means, and

wherein the communications means provides the central processing means with a number or a password, the reference identifier number, and a location code associated with the geographical location for association in a central billing database.

71. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the geographic location of the parking space includes a means for geographic positioning of the parking space.

72. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70, wherein the reference identifier is a reference tag display on the vehicle.

73. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70, wherein the reference identifier is a reference tag with a bar code designation.

74. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70, wherein the reference identifier is the vehicle's license plate.

75. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70, wherein the reference identifier can be the vehicle's vehicle identification number.

76. (Currently Amdended) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the wireless communication means can add extra time with respect to [[the]] a reference identifier data string by updating the central processing means during the time period of the activation of time of the reference identifier data string.

77. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein said wireless communication means is notified by the central processing means when the time allotment as first activated is about to expire.

78. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the wireless ticket issuance device verifies the time status of said reference identifier by entering the reference identifier into the wireless ticket issuance device.

79. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the wireless ticket issuance device verifies the time status of the reference identifier by scanning a bar code.

80. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the reference identifier is a wireless communication means and the

wireless ticket issuance device verifies the time status by communicating with the reference identifier wireless communications means.

81. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the wireless communication means is a computer terminal interface.

82. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the wireless communication means is a mobile phone.

83. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the wireless communication means is a personal data assistant

84. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the wireless communication means is a paging device.

85. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the time designated for said reference identifier is provided by said wireless communication means.

86. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the reference identifier is issued from the central processing means.

87. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the reference identifier is a radio frequency transponder with wireless communications capabilities.

88. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the central processing means allows the occupant to register personal and payment information.

89. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the central processing means is a computer server.

90. (Previously Presented) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the wireless ticket issuance device issues and processes a ticket to said vehicle in said parking space.

91. (Currently Amended) The parking payment system of claim 70 wherein the central processing means allows for ~~the refund of payments~~ an appropriate adjustment to the amount to be charged for time not spent.